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## New Literature

The most important books listed in these columns will receive notice in the book-review pages.

### OLD TESTAMENT

#### BOOKS

JEREMIAS, ALFRED. *Das Alter der Babylonischen Astronomie. Zweite erweiterte Auflage.* Leipzig: Hinrichs, 1909. Pp. 92. M. 1.60.

This pamphlet deals with one of the important questions of the Pan-Babylonian controversy, viz. Did the old Babylonians possess a genuine astronomical science, as distinguished from mere general observations of the heavens, and from astrology? Upon the answer to this question the fate of Pan-Babylonianism depends. Jeremias, in this second edition of his treatise, seeks to nullify the considerations urged against the high age of astronomy in Babylon by F. Kugler in a recent volume.

#### ARTICLES

LUNDGREEN, FR. "Das Jerusalem des Wilhelm von Tyrus und die Gegenwart," *Neue kirchliche Zeitschrift*, December, 1909, pp. 973-92.

This is a study of the information contributed about Jerusalem's history, geography, and archaeology by William, archbishop of Tyre from 1175 A. D. till his death.

### NEW TESTAMENT

#### BOOKS

GREGORY, CASPAR RENÉ. *Textkritik des Neuen Testaments, Dritter Band.* Leipzig: Hinrichs, 1909. Pp. 995-1486. M. 12.

The concluding portion of Professor Gregory's great work on *New Testament Textual Criticism* (Bd. I, 1900; Bd. II, 1902) after a brief discussion of the classes of text (original, rewrought, polished, and official) presents a supplement of 350 pages, relating to the materials of Vols. I and II. This includes Professor Gregory's new system of manuscript designations (1908), and a vast quantity of detailed information as to cursives, Latin texts, Fathers, etc. The whole is conveniently arranged and elaborately indexed. This work constitutes the standard treatise on textual criticism.

VON DOBSCHÜTZ, ERNST. *Die Thessalonicher-Briefe, Völlig neu bearbeitet. (Kritisch-exegetischer Kommentar über das Neue Testament, begründet von H. A. W. Meyer.)* Göttingen: Vandenhoeck und Ruprecht, 1909. Pp. x+320. Paper, M. 6.40.

This new commentary is an important addition to New Testament exegetical literature. Professor von Dobschütz is disposed to accept the authenticity of both epistles, and recognizes I Thess. as the earliest of Paul's extant letters (A. D. 52). The introduction is independent, compact, and valuable, and the comment full and incisive. The use of German type is a distinct detriment to this volume.

BACON, B. W. *The Founding of the Church. [Modern Religious Problems.]* Boston: Houghton, Mifflin Co., 1909. Pp. 90. \$0.50.

A bold and rapid handling of four problems: When Was the Church Founded? Peter the Foundation Rock; The Confession of Jesus as Lord; Baptism and the Breaking of Bread. Professor Bacon writes with great vigor and freedom, and all his usual suggestiveness.

GRANBERY, JOHN C. Outline of New Testament Christology. A Study of Genetic Relationships within the Christology of the New Testament Period. [Historical and Linguistic Studies in Literature Related to the New Testament; Second Series, II, Part I.] Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1909. Pp. 127. Paper, \$0.50.

Dr. Granbery has made a positive contribution to biblical theology, in this able and interesting study of the rise, development, and relationship of Christological views, down to the middle of the second century.

STALKER, JAMES. The Ethic of Jesus, According to the Synoptic Gospels. New York: Armstrong, 1909. Pp. x+403. \$1.75.

Books from the pen of Dr. Stalker are always sure of a welcome, and the present volume is a substantial one. It is to be followed by a book on *The Mind of Jesus as Reported by St. John*, and will be fully reviewed later.

## RELATED SUBJECTS

### BOOKS

HEMMER, HIPPOLYTE. Les pères apostoliques: II, Clément de Rome, Épître aux Corinthiens, Homélie du II<sup>e</sup> siècle. Texte grec, traduction française, introduction et index. [Textes et Documents pour l'étude historique du Christianisme.] Paris: Picard, 1909. Pp. lxxiv+205. Fr. 3.

A convenient and intelligent edition of I and II Clement, with a full introduction and a French translation.

YUNG WING. My Life in China and America. New York: Henry Holt & Co., 1909. Pp. vi+286.

This is an unusually interesting autobiography of the associate Chinese minister at Washington, a graduate of Yale in the class of 1854. As one of the most influential of the makers of new China, the story of his life furnishes a splendid testimonial to the value of Christian missions, which have made such a life possible.